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**DELAWARE JUDICIARY HOSTS THE DELAWARE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK
TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION**

February 23, 2006

The Delaware Judiciary will host the Delaware High School Mock Trial Championship Competition on Friday, February 24; Saturday, February 25; and Monday, February 27, 2006 at the New Castle County Courthouse, 500 N. King Street, Wilmington. The Delaware High School Mock Trial Championship Competition is co-sponsored by the Delaware Law Related Education Center, the Delaware Judiciary, and the Delaware State Bar Association to assist high school students in learning in a practical setting the importance of the rule of law in our society. The winner of this year's competition will represent Delaware in the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 11 – 14, 2006.

The first round of competition will begin on Friday, February 24th at 9:30 a.m. The competition will continue throughout the day on Friday and again on Saturday, February 25th beginning at 9 a.m. The final rounds of competition will be held on Monday, February 27th. Over 200 members of Delaware's Judiciary, Delaware State Bar Association, Widener University School of Law students, and local college students will volunteer their time to serve as judges during the 3 day championship. Delaware's High School Mock Trial Program began in 1991 – 1992 with 8 schools participating in a one day event. This year there are 24 teams from public and private schools statewide that have registered for the championship.

The Delaware Judiciary and the Delaware Law Related Education Center won the bid to host the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship at the New Castle Courthouse in Wilmington, May 7 – 11, 2008. In 2008, it is anticipated that over 1000 students, families, and teachers will be in attendance at the National Championship.

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